

PREVENTS SALE OF NEAR-BEERS IN DRY CITIES

State Laws Clearly Prohibit That No Alcohol Shall be In Any Soft Drinks.

SOLD AT DEALER'S OWN PERIL.

State's Attorney Floyd E. Thompson Makes Statement Regarding Situation Here.

Soft drink parlor proprietors who sell "near beer" containing any amount of alcohol do so at their own peril.

It is clearly stated in the state laws regarding the sale of "drinks" in anti-saloon territory that alcohol is not allowed in any liquid that is sold under the pretenses of a "soft" drink.

The state law in no section defines what amount of alcohol shall be permissible. The so-called "near beer" drink in many cases contains alcohol. The sale of this in anti-saloon territory, according to the law, is a direct violation.

State's Attorney Floyd E. Thompson said the following today in regard to the matter:

"The so-called local option law prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor in any quantity whatever within the limits of any city or town in this state while the same is anti-saloon territory. It also prohibits the granting of any license to sell intoxicating liquor in any quantity whatever in such territory, and any such license is void."

No Fixed Amount. "Intoxicating liquor includes all distilled, spirituous, vinous, fermented and malt liquors. There is no statement anywhere in the law of this state that fixes the amount of alcohol a liquor may contain before it is declared to be intoxicating. It is a violation of the law to sell in anti-saloon territory any fermented malt liquor without regard to the amount of alcohol it contains."

"Anyone selling these so-called near beers in anti-saloon territory is doing so at his own peril." It was generally believed by many in Rock Island that the sale of near beer containing not to exceed 2 percent of alcohol was permissible. The state law clearly shows that no alcohol of any amount shall be contained in drinks sold as non-intoxicating liquor.

LOAN WORKER NOT IN PUBLIC'S EYE DESERVES PRAISE

(By J. B. McDonald, Governor Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Seventh Federal Reserve District.)

On behalf of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago as fiscal agent of the United States treasury department charged with the duties and responsibilities of handling Liberty loans in this district, I wish to express sincere appreciation and most cordial thanks to those workers in Liberty loan activities who have not been in the public eye, but who, nevertheless, have done the work that they have been called upon to do both patriotically and cheerfully. This class represents a vast army composed of committee men and solicitors, bank clerks, railroad employees and employees of other firms and corporations in Chicago and other cities and towns throughout the district.

Subscriptions in this district, in round figures, some 2,500,000, and the work involved in the handling of this enormous number of subscriptions means intensive labor and long hours, and it is on the army of workers just mentioned that this burden falls to a large extent. This work is all done voluntarily, without expense to this bank or the treasury department.

An additional word of appreciation should here be expressed to those employers who have cooperated in such splendid manner and made such assistance possible. Those workers who have been in the public eye have to some extent been repaid by the enthusiastic applause of the public and while fully appreciative of their efforts this public acknowledgment is particularly directed to those other earnest patriots who have worked so hard during the campaign without special notice by the general public and who will necessarily continue to be active in this connection for some time after the campaign is over, in regrettably neglecting to tabulate them and taking care of the details relating to subsequent payments to be made.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

PERSONAL POINTS

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gloor, 2508 Ninth street, are the parents of a son born Sunday morning. Before her marriage Mrs. Gloor was Miss Dorothy Nelson of Rock Island.

Omar Sharpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sharpe, 1611 Twenty-first street, has resigned his position as salesman for the Rock Island Plow company and has enlisted in the tank service of the United States army. He leaves Friday to begin training.

Mrs. B. A. Stewart, 2514 Twentieth avenue, is recovering nicely following an operation for appendicitis performed yesterday morning.

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Obituary

Funeral of Hugh A. J. McDonald, Jr. The funeral of Hugh A. J. McDonald, Jr., 11-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. McDonald, was held from the home, 412 Twenty-third street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. W. G. Oglevee of the South Park Presbyterian church officiated at the services. Burial was in Chippianock cemetery.

Funeral of Christian Emil Bunning. The funeral of Christian Emil Bunning, 2835 Eleventh-and-a-half avenue, will be held at the Lutheran cemetery at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. W. G. Oglevee of the South Park Presbyterian church will conduct the services.

William King, the unidentified man who committed suicide last Saturday night by throwing himself under the wheels of a train, was buried this afternoon at Chippianock cemetery, short services being held at Moeller's undertaking parlors.

Funeral of Private Hummel. The remains of Private Howard Hummel, who left Rock Island with the last contingent April 29, and who died at Camp Dodge Sunday morning, arrived at 3 o'clock this morning.

A military escort accompanied the body to this city. Funeral services were held from the Knox chapel at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. F. J. Rolf of the Evangelical Church of Peace conducted the services at the chapel and at Chippianock cemetery, where interment was made. The pallbearers, friends of the deceased, were Emil Lammann, J. J. Criswell, John Jora, Charles O'Connor, Cal Reddig and Adam Stoeffel.

Nettie Nelson. Miss Nettie Nelson, aged 19 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nelson, 400 Forty-sixth street, died this morning after an illness of eight weeks. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon and the remains will be taken to Good Hope, Ill., for services and interment.

Miss Nelson was born in Good Hope Nov. 28, 1898, and with the family came to Rock Island last November. Surviving are the parents, a brother, Lynn Nelson, and two sisters, Fawn Nelson, at home, and Mrs. Chester Charter of LaHarpe, Ill.

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Police News

Laurence Belbel, aged 3 years, was found wandering alone on Eleventh street and Fifth avenue this morning by a woman resident of that locality. Upon investigation it was found that the child was the son of Max Belbel, living on Tenth street and Fifth avenue. The little lad was taken to the station where he spent the time until his parents were located. He was taken to his home by Patrolman Ginnane.

M. Martino was arrested last night when report came from Chicago that he was wanted on a charge of wife abandonment. Detective C. R. Ronan of the Chicago police force left Rock Island with Money today.

Frank Coleman and Frank L. Davis both of Bensenville, were taken into custody charged with violating the city motor laws. Each paid a fine of \$5 in police court this morning.

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City Briefs

Tri-City Towel Supply company. For express call William Trefz. R. I. Clean Towel Service. Phone R. I. 4476.

MAY DESTROY FORTS. Stockholm, May 8.—Sweden, Germany and Finland it is announced officially, have decided to negotiate a treaty regarding the demolition of the fortifications on the Åland Islands. The fortifications were constructed during the war contrary to international conventions.

Notice to the Public

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38 ALIENS MADE YANKEE CITIZENS

Judge W. T. Church Grants Naturalization to Aliens in the Circuit Court.

APPLICATIONS ARE HELD OVER

Nearly Half of Class Unable to Secure Final Papers at the Present Term.

Thirty-eight foreigners were issued final naturalization papers in the circuit court yesterday.

This number was issued out of a class of 67. The majority of the cases were continued until the September term of court. Several petitions were found to be erroneous, while other applicants had no witnesses. A few were unable to answer questions concerning American institutions.

The following aliens were made naturalized citizens of the United States yesterday:

Belgium—Charles Brabant, Rock Island; Charles Dobbelaere, Rock Island; Cyriel Strobbe, East Moline; Gustaf De Blare, Rock Island; Vital De Bel, East Moline; Raymond Cornelius, Moline; Peter Van Nieuwenhuys, Moline; Edward Joseph Deckers, Rock Island; Achiel Volder, East Moline; Felix De Volder, East Moline; Adiel Spiesens, East Moline; Leo De Doncker, Silvis; Adolph Maschellin, East Moline; Alfons De Cook, Silvis; Alfons Conserriers, East Moline; August De Vooght, Moline; Henry Sermoont, East Moline; Rene Dumoulin, East Moline; Rene Volcke, Silvis; Jerome Buysse, Rock Island; Alfred Frederick Dierkens, East Moline; Alberde De Voss, Rock Island; Cammell De Ruyter, East Moline; Florimond Gustave De Becker, East Moline; Modest De Meyers, Moline; Richard Huyvaert, Hillsdale; Herman Bryerman, Rock Island.

Sweden—William Hellstrom, Moline; Herman Whit Swenson, Rock Island; John Frederick Nordstrand, Rock Island.

Turkey—Jonas Simon, Rock Island.

Great Britain—Thomas McGee, Silvis; William John Clarke, Silvis; Netherlands—Jacobus Johannes Hendrikus Lampe, East Moline.

Italy—Tony Frost, East Moline.

Great Britain and Ireland—John Morgan Butlin, Rock Island.

Denmark—Frederick Sparling, Moline.

Russia—Boleslaw Napollon Ivanowski, Moline.

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BENDER HAS WORD ON LICENSE LAW

As a further clarifying as to the many different opinions expressed relative to the interpretation of the chauffeurs' license law, F. W. Bender, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has received from Attorney General E. J. Brundage, through Attorneys Walker & Sweeney, the following opinion:

"Answering my inquiry concerning the scope of the law of June 29, 1915, of this state, affecting the licensing of chauffeurs, I reply as follows:

"If an individual drives his own machine selling for a Davenport firm, I do not think he would be obliged to take out a chauffeur's license."

"If a person living in Iowa, having his machine driven by his chauffeur, comes to Rock Island for the purpose of buying merchandise and then returning to Iowa, I do not think he will be required to have a license."

"I am of the opinion that the motor law does not apply to chauffeurs residing in other states who

SIX MONTHS FOR NICK GNTOVICH

East Moline Who Sold Liquor to Soldiers Sentenced to County Jail.

Nick Gnotovich of East Moline was sentenced to six months in the county jail at Bloomington yesterday afternoon by Judge Humphrey in the United States federal court in Peoria.

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He was indicted by the federal grand jury on the opening of the May term. He was taken to Peoria Monday evening by Deputy Marshals Metcalf and Murray.

It is expected that the balance of the federal cases from Rock Island will be disposed of today.

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The incomplete list of those fined on liquor law violation charges was given in The Argus yesterday. Practically all of the men were arrested on the Rock Island arsenal by local federal officers for attempting to transport liquor to Iowa and for carrying it on to government property.

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TWO ADDITIONAL BILLS RETURNED

Celest Sonnerville, Dick Brewer and Reginald Speckler Are Held for Trial.

Indictments in addition to those announced yesterday in The Argus returned by the grand jury which reported yesterday afternoon in the circuit court, were against the following:

Celest Sonnerville, obtaining signature by false pretenses. Charged with obtaining the signature of Arthur Van Navel to a promissory note Oct. 24.

Dick Brewer and Reginald Speckler, burglary and larceny. Charged with entering the lunch car of Morris Cantor April 16 and taking various articles.

Four cases were ignored by the grand jury.

They are: William Mosher, malicious mischief; Charles Davis, larceny; Harry Rich, horse stealing; James George, assault with a deadly weapon.

Prisoners arraigned before Judge W. T. Church this morning pleaded not guilty. Counsel was appointed for those without attorneys.

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BIG DELEGATION TO ATTEND MEET

A big delegation will go from Rock Island tomorrow to attend the Good Roads convention held at the Commercial club in Monmouth. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Illinois Highway Improvement association and represents Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, Knox, Stark, Peoria, Warren, Hancock, Henderson, Mercer, MacDonough, Fulton, Adams, Brown and Schuyler counties.

The gathering is being held in the interest of the \$50,000,000 bond issue which comes before the state at an election to be held in November. Counties all over the state are preparing to make a tremendous hard road drive between now and the first of November in an effort to crystallize favorable public opinion in behalf of this \$50,000,000 bond issue.

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RIVER RIPLETS

The Moline and Rock Island high schools will hold a joint excursion this year on Saturday evening, May 18. The trip will be made on the steamer G. W. Hill.

The steamer G. W. Hill will have another excursion from the tri-cities on the afternoon of May 19 to Muscatine. These are the only two excursions scheduled so far for the steamer Hill. The first trip this steamer will make will be from Hannibal to Keokuk Sunday, May 12, and will probably be in the tri-cities on May 18.

The steamer Sidney leaves New Orleans May 12, but will not reach this locality until June 2.

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Licensed To Wed

John Lundin, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Ida Sundell, Cedar Rapids; Frederick Teutsch, Chicago; Mattie W. Weimer, Sioux Falls; William H. Weimer, Sioux Falls; Otis Robinson, McLeansboro, Ill.; John Barks, Muscatine; Florine Williamson, Muscatine.

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SOME BUSY YEAR FOR LOCAL COPS

Chief of Police Phil J. Miller in his report for the year ending May 1, shows an unprecedented activity in the police department. Police Magistrate C. J. Smith tried 2,326 city cases, while the report shows that 775 state cases were heard by him.

The total amount of fines collected reached \$12,007. Altogether, the police department turned over to the city \$13,825.93, while the value of lost and stolen property recovered amounted to \$25,272.20.

Fire Chief Newberry in his monthly report for April states that less on personal property occasioned by fire during the last month was \$610, while the real estate loss reached \$465. His report in detail follows:

Number of alarms..... 14
Gallons of chemicals used..... 153
Feet of hose used..... 1,650
Feet of ladders used..... 186
Miles traveled..... 99.8
Loss on personal property..... \$ 610
Loss on real estate..... 465
Value of personal property..... 13,209
Value of real estate..... 31,309
Insurance on personal property..... 7,600
Insurance on real estate..... 16,500

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